

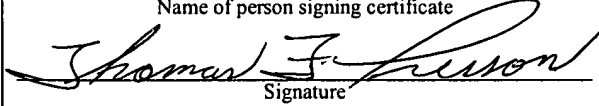


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hiroaki Kitano, et al.
Serial No. : 09/910,288
For : INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND METHOD
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Examiner : Steven HD Nguyen
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RESPONSE TO *EX PARTE* QUAYLE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the *Ex Parte Quayle* Action mailed on August 16, 2005, having an extended period for response set to expire on January 16, 2006. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,020.00. Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration.

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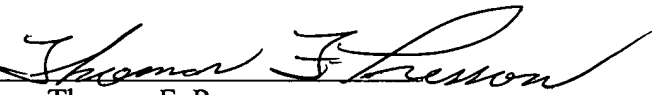
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Applicants submit that the Supplemental Declaration places the application in condition for allowance.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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